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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO MAJOR OPEC GOVERNMENTS: CARACAS

CHRONOLOGY

REF: STATE 11711

1. I REGRET TO REPORT THAT PARA 1 (D) OF CARACAS 295 WAS SENT BASED ON PRESS SPECULATION WHICH ERRONEOUSLY LINKED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE WITH SUBSEQUENT EMOTIONALISM OVER PASSAGE OF U.S. TRADE ACT. WHAT SCHACHT DID SAY TO THE PRESS AS REPORTED JANUARY 9 WAS THAT HE HAD NOT, REPEATNOT, RECEIVED ANY MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON WITH REGARD TO THE CONTEMPLATED OAS ACTION ON THE U.S. TRADE ACT, WHICH HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF VENEZUELAN, ECUADOREAN AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTAL OBJECTION.

2. I SAW SCHACHT THIS MORNING AND HE CONFIRMED THE ABOVE. HE LIKEWISE CONFIRMED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO RECENT WRITTEN MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER OTHER THAN THAT SET OUT IN OUR NOTE TO SCHACHT OF DECEMBER 24, WHICH I DELIVERED PERSONALLY TO HIS HOUSE AND OF WHICH NOT ONLY HE BUT HIS DIRECTOR GENERAL I HAVE CONFIRMED THE RECEIPT.

3. THE ONLY OTHER MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO SCHACHT AND PRESIDENT PEREZ WAS THAT SET FORTH ORALLY UPON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON BY MINISTER OF STATE PEREZ GUERRERO (CARACAS 721). SCHACHT OFFERED THE COMMENT THAT THIS ORAL MESSAGE ACCORDED VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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MUCH WITH THE OPINION OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AND HE HOPED

THAT WE COULD CONTINUE A PROMPT AND FRIENDLY DIALOGUE ALONG THE LINES INITIATED BY THE SECRETARY WITH PEREZ GUERRERO.

4. AS FOR SCHACHT'S DECLARATION TO THE LOCAL PRESS THAT HE HAD "NOT YET RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER," HE LAUGHED THAT OFF AS A RESPONSE TO THE UNSOLICITED INTERVENTION OF MEXICAN FONMIN RABASA WHO HAD BUSTLED INTO THE PICTURE AFTER SEEING THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITH THE REMARK TO THE PRESS THAT HE WOULD TRY TO WORK OUT A CONCILIATION BETWEEN THE POINTS OF VIEW OF VENEZUELA, THE UNITED STATES AND ECUADOR REGARDING U.S. TRADE ACT.

5. TO SUM UP RESPONSIVE TO STATE 11711, THERE HAS BEEN ON REPEAT NO WRITTEN MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO FONMIN SCHACHT OTHER THAN THAT AUTHORIZED IN STATE 280711. THE ONLY OTHER MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS BEEN THE ORAL ONE SENT VIA STATE SECRETARY PEREZ GUERRERO. I INDICATED TO SCHACHT THAT POSSIBLY THERE MIGHT BE FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS BUT AS OF THE MOMENT WE BOTH AGREED THAT THIS WAS THE RECORD.
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